

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

A substitute specification (excluding abstract and claims) and a marked-up version of the substitute specification are attached. The marked-up version of the substitute specification shows the changes relative to the replacement sheets of the description submitted on September 25, 1998, in response to the Invitation to Correct Defects mailed July 27, 1998, during the PCT stage of International Application No. PCT/US98/13272, the international application for which the present application is a national stage application. Please replace the specification, excluding the abstract and claims, with the substitute specification provided herewith.